

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kuniko Kikuta

Serial No.: 09/584,739



Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: June 1, 2000

Examiner: Quach, Tuan N.

For: COPPER-ALLOY INTERCONNECTION LAYER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 8, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 38-56 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An electrically conductive layer comprising:

A. A. 38-56
a copper alloy which includes at least one of Ag, As, Bi, P, Sb, Si and Ti at not less than 0.1 percent by weight,

wherein said copper alloy has a melting point less than copper.

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12. (Amended) An electrically conductive layer comprising:

a copper alloy which includes at least one of Mo, Ta, and W in a range of not less than 0.1 percent by weight to not more than 1 percent by weight,

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

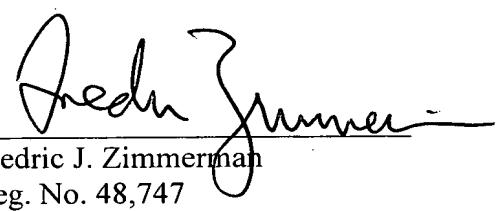
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEES DUE</u>
Total Claims	51 -	56	= 0	x \$18.00	\$ -
Indep. Claims	9 -	6	= 3	x \$84.00	\$ 252.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 252.00

A check in the amount of \$252.00 submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 4/8/02


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